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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10006  
APRIL 16, 1987

FRANK WILKINSON  
1100 C. UNIVERSITY VILLAGE  
EAST LANSING, MI 48823

DEAR FRANK:

IT WAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE  
RECEIVING YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 23.  
BUT AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE  
ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, YOUR MAIL IS  
NOT BEING DELIVERED. [CORRECTION: I SEE  
I MIS-ADDRESSED IT.]

I SHALL INDICATE ON THE NEW  
ENVELOPE THAT YOU ARE A POST-DOCTOR  
FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY, AND I HOPE  
THAT WITH THE ADDED INFORMATION THE  
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WILL FIND YOU.

GETTING THE RECORDS OF  
COL. GREEN'S ESTATE WILL REQUIRE  
MUCH PATIENCE BECAUSE I AM CERTAIN  
THEY WILL HAVE TO BE RETRIEVED  
FROM THE COURT'S STORAGE FACILITIES.

ASSUMING THE WILL WAS  
PROBATED IN BOSTON, SOMEONE WILL  
HAVE TO GO TO THE PROBATE  
COURT, PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON, AND

LOCATE THE COURT'S OWN FILE NUMBER OR DOCKET NUMBER (WHATEVER THEY CALL IT, THERE) FOR THE ESTATE. THE EXACT YEAR OF COL. GREEN'S DEATH WILL BE NEEDED. THE COURT CLERK WILL DIRECT THE PERSON MAKING INQUIRY TO THE CORRECT INDEX BOOK FOR LOOKING UP THE NUMBER.

WHEN THE NUMBER HAS BEEN LOCATED, THE CLERK CAN REQUISITION THE FILE. IF BY SOME STROKE OF GOOD LUCK IT IS IN A CONVENIENT PLACE, THE CLERK WILL GET IT IMMEDIATELY.

IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT THE PROCESS OF FINDING THE FILE WILL TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS. THE PERSON MAKING INQUIRY WILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE COURT, FROM TIME TO TIME.

OBVIOUSLY, YOU NEED AN EAC'ER IN BOSTON WHO CAN DEVOTE THE TIME.

YOU MIGHT TRY THE FIRST STEP OF LOCATING THE FILE BY WRITING TO THE COURT. SOMETIMES

May 8, 1987

Roger,

Enclosed you will find 1) A copy of the Green Estate case as handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court. 2) A copy of a letter from Milton Pfeffer about how to get the particulars of the Green estate and 3) A copy of two pages of the Butch Evans booklet on attributing halfcents; these are the two explanatory pages. You may want to splash \$10.<sup>00</sup> for one. You can ~~write~~<sup>reach</sup> him at 2902 Pease Lane, Sandusky Ohio, 44870. He has noticed a number of differences between the dies I had never noticed before. I am still amazed that people are afraid to write you in spite of the fact that you put your address in the front of your book so they would write!

I'm going to Mr. Wright's home next weekend to exercise my jaw, and I'll probably photograph Doc Lee's stuff by the end of the month.

Give my regards to your beautiful women at home.

Frank Wilkinson

August 12, 1987

Dear Frank,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to send you this information. I've been busy working part-time and attending summer school at B.V. Now class is over for the summer and I have free time.

I went to the Suffolk County Probate Court to search for the records, unfortunately the estate was not probated there. I called the New Bedford courthouse and they referred me to the Bristol County Probate Court in Taunton. The estate was probated there and I obtained the docket number before going down.

When I located the records, they gave an estimate of the value of the coin collection, but there was

not a detailed listing of each coin and its value as was hoped. I've enclosed the entire inventory of his estate in case it is of any value.

I don't know if this is the end of the search or not. The lawyers in charge of the appraisal might have more detailed records. Possibly, Hetty Wilho's lawyer Franklin Dexter of Choate, Hall, and Stewart, 30 State Street, might have the needed information.

I have enjoyed researching the project. It has proven to be interesting and will help me in the future if I have to undertake similar research.

My expenses are as follows:

Transportation

Boston \$ 1.70

Taunton

64 miles @ .25/mi \$ 16.00

Telephone

\$ 1.53

Copies

4 @ .25

\$ 1.00

Research

2 hrs @ 4.50/hr \$ 9.00

Total

\$ 29.23

If I can be of further assistance  
in your search, please let me know.  
I will be leaving for MSU September  
16th.

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Clutz

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

BRISTOL SS.

PROBATE COURT.

To John M. Ballard  
Guilford C. Hathaway  
Claude A. Branch

GREETING:

YOU are hereby appointed to appraise, on oath, the estate and effects of

Edward H. R. Green

late of in said County of Bristol  
 deceased, which may be in said Commonwealth. When you have performed that service, you  
 will deliver this order, with your doings in pursuance thereof, to

Thomas Witter Chrystie

special administrator of the estate  
 of said deceased, that he may  
 return the same to the Probate Court for said County of Bristol.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this sixth day of

January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.  
Mayhew Ditch Judge  
 Register of Probate Court.

Suffolk John M. Ballard & Guilford C. Hathaway  
BRISTOL SS. January 26 A. D. 1937. Then the  
 above-named appraisers personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully and  
 impartially discharge the trust reposed in them by the foregoing order.

Before me,

Warren B. Macdonald, Notary Public

Suffolk SS. June 27, 1937 These the above named Claude A. Branch, Justice of the Peace  
personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully discharge the trust reposed in them by the foregoing order.  
and impartially discharge the trust reposed in them by the foregoing order. Warren B. Macdonald  
 Pursuant to the foregoing order to us directed, we have appraised said estate as follows, to wit:

Amount of Personal Estate, as per schedule exhibited, - - - \$2,408.14 &amp; 23

Amount of Real Estate, as per schedule exhibited, - - - \$128,000.00

Claude A. Branch  
John M. Ballard } Appraisers.  
Guilford C. Hathaway

State of New York :

County of New York: ss.

BRISTOL SS. June 4 A. D. 1937. Then personally appeared

Thomas Witter Chrystie the administrator of said  
 estate, and made oath that the foregoing is a true and perfect inventory of all the estate of said  
 deceased, that has come to his possession or knowledge.

CRETCHEN B. MACDONALD

Notary Public, Kings Co., N. Y.

Kings Co. Clk. No. 20, P. 3, N. 347

N. Y. Co. Clk. No. 10, P. 3, N. 347

Cert. filed in Webster Co.

Guetchen B. Macdonald Justice of the Peace.

# Schedule of Personal Estate in Detail

## SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL ESTATE IN DETAIL

### Tangible Personal Property

Jewelry	\$864,119.00	
Stamp collection	203,132.00	
Personal and household effects at Round Hills and South Wharf, Dartmouth, Massachusetts	68,534.60	
Live stock, feed and harness, located in Massachusetts (sold at auction December 15, 1936)	1,859.17	
Three spars located at Round Hills, Dartmouth, Massachusetts	975.00	
Munismatic collection	614,485.82	\$1,753,105.59

### Intangible Personal Property evidences of which were found in Massachusetts

\$50. United States of America Treasury Bonds 3-1/8% due June 15, 1946-49 at 106-7/32.	
Interest payable June and December 15	53.10
Accrued interest through June 8, 1936	.75
Past due coupons from December 15, 1931 to December 15, 1935	7.02

\$5,000. St. Francis Hospital (Miami Beach) 3% Gold Bonds, dated April 1, 1931, due April 1, 1951. Interest payable annually April 1st	5,000.00
Accrued interest through June 8, 1936	28.33

\$5,000. Country Club of New Bedford 5% Second Mortgage Bonds issued May 1923 due May 1, 1953, at 10 flat. Interest payable May and November 1	500.00
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Votes of Charles M. Carroll, Georgianna Blasi, E. S. White, Warren Bartlett, Miami Furniture Exchange and O. K. Dukes	No value
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Checks located in Massachusetts payable to the order of Edward H. R. Green (collected at par)	203.76
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PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES

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Checks located in Massachusetts payable to the order of Edward H. R. Green (worthless)	0.
Deposit with Kodascope Libraries in Massachusetts	25.00
Two certificates for partial subscription to United States Treasury Bond for \$10 each with interest	32.60
1 sh. Seabrook Fishing & Hunting Club capital stock, \$100 Par Value	No value
10,000 shs. The San Marcial Mining & Milling Company of Perry, Oklahoma, Capital Stock	No value
5 shs. Irish Tabulator Manufacturing Company, Capital Stock, \$100 Par Value	No value
10 shs. The Hunt County Fair Association, Capital Stock, \$10 Par Value	No value
6 shs. The Lone Star Dispatch, \$50 Par Value	No value
1 sh. Jack Frost Company, Dallas, Texas, Capital Stock, \$100 Par Value	No value
8 shs. Dallas Coliseum Company, Capital Stock, \$25 Par Value	No value
15 shs. Texas Fuller's Earth Co., Dallas, Texas, Capital Stock, \$100 Par Value	No value
50 shs. Terrell Park Association, Terrell, Texas, Capital Stock, \$1 Par Value	No value
6 shs. Lignite Gas Power Company, Capital Stock, \$1 Par Value	No value
Cash on hand and in checking accounts	<u>649,192.08</u> <u>655,042.64</u>
	2,408,148.23

# Schedule of Real Estate in Detail

Dols.

Cts.

Interest in land and improvements thereon at Round Hills, Dartmouth, Massachusetts	\$103,000. 00
Land, wharf and buildings at South Wharf, Dartmouth, Massachusetts	25,000. 00
	<u>\$128,000. 00</u>

August 15, 1987  
1110 C University Village  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Mr. Dillon Anderson  
3718 Piping Rock Lane  
Houston, Texas 77029

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am a biochemist at Michigan State University, and my hobby is studying the history of numismatics, coin collecting. I recently read The Day They Shook The Plum Tree by Arthur Lewis about the Howland fortune and its final dispersal in the early 1950's. Col. E.H.R. Green, who had control of the Howland fortune from 1916 until 1936, apparently purchased huge numbers of fabulous coins starting around 1910 until shortly before he died in 1936. I read in Plum Tree that you were involved in the Green Estate case before a Special Master of the U.S. Supreme Court in establishing where Col. Green was for every day of his life from Jan. 1, 1900 until he died in 1936. I have a copy of the Supreme Court decree that stated that Massachusetts, rather than Florida, New York, or Texas could levy state taxes on the Green estate. I would like to get a copy of the testimony heard by the special master which should include, as I understand, copies of Col. Green's correspondence with coin dealers and other coin collectors. I would also like to get a copy of any appraisal made by a professional coin dealer of the Green estate. Do you have any idea of where such documents could be seen or acquired?

Part of my hobby is collecting old coin catalogues. I find it interesting that fabulous public auctions of U.S. coin were frequently held until around 1915, then a hiatus of thirty years during the time when Col. Green bought his coins, then several gigantic sales were held starting in 1946, three years after a great number of coins from the Green estate were sold privately by Burdette G. Johnson of St. Louis. But no auction sale of coins from the Green collection was ever held. Do you know if Col. Green's sister, Mrs. Sylvia Wilkes, kept a collection of coins for herself after the colonel died?

Any assistance in establishing the prior or later owners of Col. Green's coins would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Wilkinson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frank Wilkinson

August 15, 1987  
110C University Village  
East Lansing, Michigan

517-355-5854

Dear Roger,

I have been busy! I have enclosed copies of my update of the McGuigan collection (DNG stands for Did Not Grade). Mr. Hufrans response to my queries about his 1793 C5 b; you'll probably get a kick out of his letter - esp. his estimation of the coins worth. Miss Clutz sent me copies of the ~~estate~~ appraisal of the Green estate. I would not be surprised if the value of \$600+K for the numismatic items is their face value. If he had 3 or so double eagles for each year they were minted from 1850 until 1932, the value would be about ~~\$20~~ \$12,000 - face. From what I understand, he collected these things in several multiples. What do you think?

I am going to ~~also~~ have Miss Clutz call the New Bedford, Mass. public library to see if they can be of any benefit. If it's a gold mine, I'll have her stay a day or two, if necessary to copy all the documents we want.

Enclosed ~~also~~ are a copy of a review I wrote of Pete Smith's book on the S-48 as well as a copy of a letter I sent to Dillon Anderson of Houston, Texas. Please note ~~that~~ question about Sylvia's collection and the statement about no ~~sale~~ ~~for~~ auction of Green's coins

God bless,  
Grant Wilkinson

May 25, 1988

303 West Oak street

West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Roger,

It was great talking with you when I called last. I was quite concerned for you when I heard you had had a heart attack. I'm glad you are recovering. Surely, someone must like you - a lot!

Last Friday night late I was going over the Hillyer Ryder Mail Bid sale of 11/20/1945 which you gave me. One lot, #9, sounds like a coin you now own, lot 20 from Norweb. The Ryder description was, "1793 Without Pole. G.6. Very fine, small attempted puncture at top of obverse. Mowsey Coll \$12.50"

The Norweb catalogue states (whether true or not) that Mrs. Norweb bought the coin from Richard Picker in 1960. I then thought, "I wonder if any of these other Norweb coins could be 21 Hillyer Ryder of 1945. Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 (went to Breckston, then to Mrs Norweb), 9, 14, 18, 41, 25, 45 ~~from~~ from the 1945 sale may have gone to Picker, then to Mrs. Norweb. However, the plates I have of the Parsons & Alwood collections indicate that <sup>possibly</sup> lots 1, 2 & 4, in the Ryder sale, only the 1794 C2a could <sup>possibly</sup> be traced to Mrs. Norweb. For the 1794 C7 and C8 the Norweb plates are not even close to matching the plates in the Parsons & Alwood sales, respectively.

Also. To date the Green collection included the bulk of Brown's quarters, probably Boistler's halves, the best of the Newcomer Coll, Eaton's half cents, Hillyer Rydies half cents, cents, Mass & Vermont, & when sold formed the backbone of the Newman, Dupont, "Ryder", FCC Boyd & Farouk collections.

Best regards & God Bless,

Frank

July 25, 1988  
303 W. Oak Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Roger,

I tried calling your house several times this evening & decided to write you about the ANA. First of all about the Green coll. Eric Newman answered most of my questions. He said the stamps were sold at auction because their prices were increasing, while coin prices were generally depressed. He wrote the Chase National Bank of NY if he could buy the Missour. & St. Louis Bank Notes for broken bank notes from the Green collection which they held. EPN surmises the bank officials felt like EPN was a fish. They said yes. EPN told BG Johnson who said that coin dealers had been trying in vain to buy the Green coll. (probably at low prices). BGJ told EPN to buy as much as he could and (in my opinion) BGJ helped finance the deal. They bought the colonials, 1/2¢, the remaining LC's, minor coins, 1/4, 1/2 D, silver D, (why did not get all the gold denominations (EPN doesn't remember exactly) and colonial paper money & I think bank notes. BGJ got over half the silver dollars (as Eric was low on funds). The coins came in ~~boxes~~ & Wayne Raymond holds w. the sliding plastic & 15 to 20 of those in a box. There must have been a lot of boxes. EPN said Col G didn't keep records as he just bought so much stuff in bulk. About EPN: Either his memory is failing or EPN collected the way Col G. did without keeping records of his own purchases. I've heard Eric's father had money (how else could he even meet a beautiful Edison girl?) EPN said he bought entire collections of colonials (and probably other series as well) I pointed out to

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I saw picture of her when she was young - Eric's office. she was incredibly beautiful,

him that his proof 1811 C 1/2¢ was not on the Green inventory list & his response was: I <sup>saw it</sup> bought it and don't remember where I got it (veni, vidi, vici + don't keep records)

I asked EPN about others with 1/2¢'s & started w. John I Ford & EPN got irate instantly - refused to talk about him. We then went to the next subject.

I find it rather curious that EPN wrote a great book on the 1804 S. D & traced the pedigrees of all known specimens, but doesn't seem interested in the pedigrees of his own coins.

J.P. Hman had a few cases of incredibly rare coins on display (eg 1802 1/2¢ dme & 1822 N 10¢ in proof 1848 gold proof set 2 to 4 of each known + etc) He said he'd get back to me on my request for photographing his coll

I met Bob Tulien. Interesting fellow & opinionated, but rather dispassionate about the Anc. Anyway, he claims he mint bought copper from a Blaney & used it to strike 1/2¢, in 1799. He'll be glad to send you the info. Also he claims that he has distribution info on the 1/2¢ of 1832 → 35. Will send that to you if you like. As an aside, I now know why he doesn't write books: he gets so much for writing articles for the trade papers (~\$800 each) We are in the wrong bus, near. He claims the H's early 1/2¢ (and other coins) were probably from a small bag kept at the mint for sale at face value to collectors when they came to the mint. He says the Oswald coins are proof of this statement. He also says there were no proof coins issued before 1855 (which I find hard to believe). Maybe I did hear him correctly. Anyway he claims most 1831 1/2¢ were business strikes & were melted or something. I just don't know if he is a truly

credible source.

I also noticed at the ANA an incredible amount of this dislike or jealousy among the people I talked w about the book writers (or scholars). I now feel I'm defending all included WTB because some of the stuff I heard was subtle, some was savage. End.

The coins at the show

1793 CY Ex Auction 83 (also) by Barco - was in their case at \$37,500. Does not qualify at the 50 level. It has been completely stripped & several letters on the rev have silvery material around them. May have been coated w Mercury or something.

Two or 3 VF's of this variety were for sale from 4500 to 12K or so. I'll recommend G. Brung buy the \$4500 coin (see Connex below)

The 1794 CSa Ex Auction 83 was on display & for sale in the Barco case at \$50K plus. The coin is a tad better than a 50. It is unclashed. It looked of MS sharpness, but I think it was cleaned & recolored. Ask IRM.

Stacks had a 1795 CY in AU 55 for sale. Since you have 2 nice ones, I doubt if you need another.

1794 C2a. J. Beymer still has an EF 40 for sale - has a mark on rim at Liberty. A nice coin.

1804 CS II Teaparty at \$1050. EF 40 w. rim bruise. A nice coin. IRM & I know of 25 to 30 of these in this grade or higher. No longer in condition parity except in MS.

I saw true VF's of 1808 C2 & 1811 for sale, but nothing worth writing about.

IRM asked me to look at an 1835 & 1850 "proof". The 1850 obv was weak w/o reflective surface; the rev was nice. IRM did not bite at \$K. Tony T had an 1835 "proof" beside a red one. The "proof" was dull, and I didn't even bother going. I thought IRM was referring to the red one as the dull one was not "proofy" looking - even thru the case. I looked at the red one and didn't go back to see the "proof".



Collector grade half cents were available at the show.  
Oh yes, I am having IDW photograph an 1857 w. a  
planchet void behind the head like Mark Borchardt wrote  
about in Penny-Wise book in 1976. Do you have one? If  
not, it is for sale by Tom Reynolds.

John J Ford, Jr. will send (hopefully) IDW the  
inventory of the EHR Green collection in the next couple of months.

At the EAC meeting it was announced that Superior  
would be selling the large cents of Jack H Robinson  
(he needs the \$ for a business venture) in Jan. 1989.  
They will also be selling the cents of Bob Mattheus in  
June, 1989. Also: JRM claims RT bought the Jack Robinson 1804 C2 last fall!

Investor dollars were pouring into the market at the  
show & slabbed coins were selling at ever increasing  
prices. JRM says that at times like these, dealers  
talk about tulip bulbs.

Gene Bright's wife served him divorce papers in April, &  
he was devastated. His better now. I talked by phone a week ago  
& he said he wouldn't come to the ANA because his wife had  
frozen their assets so he couldn't wheel & deal. He may  
need someone to appraise & someone else to "buy" his  
collection after the divorce. (I think him then want to  
buy it back soon after). He was crazy about his wife, &  
I'm shocked she left him.

I bought the Breen Encyclopedia of US. coins, it is  
a must buy. Even tho he repeats his errors that we know  
about, it contains a great deal about all US. series.  
The pictures of the S 64 & 48 are side-by-side (you know why).  
The S-64 rev. has 91 denticles; the S-48 has 83.

Ricky Gross claims he's been trying to call you. Call him.  
Also: I heard Shalowitz sold R Gross \$14K of 1/2¢ including a nice  
1794 C7. Please determine the details.

God bless & say hi to your beautiful women

Frank

Roger S. Cohen Jr.

June 28, 1988

4701 Sangamore Road  
Bethesda, Maryland 20016

Mr. Charles J. Dupont  
3500 E. Lincoln Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dupont,

I am a tax accountant by trade, and one of my hobbies is coin collecting. My specialty is United States half cents, which I have collected for over forty years. In 1971 I wrote *American Half Cents the "Little Half Sisters"* which was the first book on the subject since 1916, the book was revised in 1982. I am currently collecting information for a second revision which I plan to publish in three to five years. There are not too many loose ends in this project except for determining chains of ownership of significant half cents, or pedigrees. One of the most significant half cent sales ever held was the Anderson-Dupont sale by Stack's in November, 1954. There has been a great deal of speculation over the years as to who Anderson and Dupont were and who formed the collection. It is my opinion that Burke H. G. Johnson of St. Louis formed the collection from coins in the estate of Col. E. H. R. Green for a Mr. Dillon Anderson of Houston, Texas for work performed on the estate of Col. Green. It has been reported to me that you were involved in bringing the fabulous collection to Stack's for auction. Are you the Dupont of the Anderson-Dupont? If you are, would you please tell me the details of the collection. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

R. TETTENHORST  
P.O. Box 14020  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

June 23, 1988

Mr. Frank Wilkinson  
303 W. Oak Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Frank:

Thanks for the article on the Anderson/Dupont coins. It is fascinating. Of course, Eric would be the ideal source of comment on this, because of his familiarity with Burdette Johnson and his role with respect to the Col. Green collection.

I am enclosing a copy of an article I just wrote for Penny-Wise on the Dr. Edwards copies. As you can see, there is a puzzling question regarding the planchets.

I look forward to seeing you and John when you can get over here. I hope to see you at ANA, given its proximity to your new residence.

Sincerely,



R. Tettenhorst

enclosure

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Frank Willinson  
303 W. Oak St  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

6/25/88

Dear Frank:

I am answering your 6/21/88 letter in haste and in brief because I am going to Europe tomorrow. I spoke to Bernard about it.

I suggest you do not publish your article until you talk to me. I do not have your telephone number and I'll be at the ANA in Cincinnati so please find me.

1. I knew a (non Wilmington) DuPont from New Jersey who attended numismatic auctions sometimes. Blund should visit this Arizona man and see if he is the same.

2. I have no objection to your using my name as holding information in my files and Johnson's files as to many of the Green Estate coins.

3. I am sure Johnson didn't create, plan or participate in the Stark auction of Anderson-DuPont. He either sold coins or sent them out on consignment. What people did with them was up to the buyer.

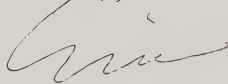
4. Who is the person who gave you the 1943 date and says he bought half of total of the pieces? He doesn't have the facts.

5. Do you have my original half cent list of the Green pieces as I have not been able to find mine. I only have a photocopy.

6. I do not want you to go astray so you better talk to me first. I am glad to share much of the detail I know, but so much speculation as to facts takes place I sometimes wonder whether it is important to contradict anyone.

Please keep up your fascinating research.

Sincerely,



## Who Was Anderson-Dupont?

This is a question that has intrigued numismatists since Stack's sold the collection in November, 1954. Walter Breen in ~~his~~ Encyclopedia of Half Cents says that Charles Anderson and Charles Dupont obtained the collection for Stack's and that ~~the~~ collection had been formed by a reclusive variety specialist from the Worcester, Mass. area<sup>1</sup>. John Adams says that "Anderson was a Worcester, Massachusetts antique dealer, and Dupont was an appraiser from the same area. The collection was formed by someone else and resold by the two men whose name it bears."<sup>2</sup> Del Bland says that Charles Dupont is alive and well in Arizona and he hopes to visit Dupont soon.<sup>3</sup> I suppose the original question should have been, "who formed the Dupont collection?" The answer to this is Col. E.H.R. Green with possibly a few pieces from the Brand hoard. Here is how I arrived at this conclusion.

First of all a large group of coins and paper money arrived in St. Louis for Burdette G. Johnson to sell ~~in 1943~~ <sup>in 1943</sup> a mere seven years after the Colonel had died<sup>4</sup>, secondly the minor coins were current through 1943, except for the dime, so no real additions were made after the set was assembled and sold. Thirdly Green is the final name in a number of pedigrees, although the cataloger did not list nearly as many pedigrees as current numismatists would have liked. A ~~couple~~ <sup>few</sup> ~~of~~ unusual illustrations might be instructive. The 1796 with pole half cent is listed as being the "McCoy-Levick-Zanoni-Miller-Newcomb-Green coin. A real prize." (And it is!) The next lot a 1796 HoPole is said to have come from the Brand collection at \$800 and has a curious note after the coin's description:

"Note. It would be our fondest wish to see these two coins stay together in a single collection. It would be a shame if such a pair were to be separated after so many years....." It sounds to me as if the coins had been together at least 15 to 30 years."

The next example is lot 255/1 the mint state 1870 s silver dollar. The pedigree is listed as "Originally \$2150 was paid for it to B.G. Johnson many years ago; it had earlier been in the Col E.H.R. Green estate 1942." Again I am curious as to how long ago many years ago meant. I think what the catalogue meant was. Col. Green paid Johnson \$2150 for this unqualified beauty many years ago, thence to this estate collection in 1942. In further describing this same coin, Stack's goes on to say, "These are only two others that can be called even Extremely Fine. One of these is in the James Stack collection, and cost him \$2250 around 1944." I'm convinced the \$2150 "Originally" paid by Col. Green for his mint state 1870 s dollar was many years before 1942.

The last example should be the clincher. Lot 153/1 of the Norweb sale, an 1820 one sided proof quarter lists another specimen with the following pedigree: Browning collection - Browning <sup>plate coin</sup> Collection - C.E.H.R. Green - you guessed it. Anderson-Dupont lot 1793. Well, I'd already learned that Col. Green had purchased, among other collections, the Browning collection of quarters. But it is nice that Walter Breen and Bowler and Merena Inc. confirm that a coin definitely owned by Col. Green reappeared in a collection that was mostly his coins.

It is my opinion that Burdette G. Johnson of St. Louis formed the Anderson-Dupont collection in 1943 principally with coins from the Green collection and a few from that of Virgil Brand as Johnson was also selling coins for Virgil Brand's brother Horace Louis Phillip. I don't know for sure who Johnson sold the collection to; it doesn't really matter as that person added little, if anything, to the collection. They also had little contact with other collectors as we in FACS ~~interest~~ do.

As a note in passing, it is my opinion that in addition to the Browning quarters, Col. Green also bought the Commodore Eatons collection of half cents, most if not all of the Waldo Newcome collection of US coins from Max Meltl, as well as the Hilyer Ryder collection of coppers. This latter goes against current thought that Wayte Raymond bought the Ryder coins from the Ryder estate in 1944 which was one year after BG Johnson bought the Green collection and sixteen years after Hilyer Ryder had died. Well, have any of you heard of the sale of the Hilyer Ryder Vermont and Massachusetts coppers? He wrote the still standard references for both series. Also, the fellow who supplied me with the 1943 date for the acquisition of the Green collection bought about half of the ~~re-collection~~ total collection including some fabulous Mass. coppers and some pretty nice Vermonts. Additionally, this same collector gave me a list of half cents that "got away," and the 1793's on this list fit the description of those in the 1954 sale of the Hilyer Ryder collection.

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Anyone interested in Col. Green should read Arthur H. Lewis' the day they shook the plum tree (1983) by Harcourt Brace & World

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